Application No. 09/838,248
Reply to Notice of Allowance of January 5, 2005

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-69, which remain active in this application. The present amendment amends Claims 17 and 18.

The present amendment corrects informalities uncovered in Claims 17 and 18 during a post allowance review of the present application. No new matter is added, and no new search is required. The Amendment is believed to be clearly directed to only matters of form and should, accordingly be entered.

Accordingly, entry of this amendment prior to issuance is respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,

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